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FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED REGARDING CENTO AUDIT PROCEDURES:

- 1. A. COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN AUDIT ARE TURKEY, UK AND
- B. LENGTH OF AUDIT: 3 TO 4 WEEKS.
- C. PAST AUDITS HAVE TAKEN 3 TO 4 WEEKS.
- D. AUDIT WILL BE CONTINUOUS. ONE AUDITOR FROM THREE-

COUNTRY TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY 4 DAYS

IN TEHRAN TO AUDIT SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT.

E. CENTO REGULATIONS REQUIRE COMPLETION OF YEAR'S

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND SUBMISSION TO BOARD OF AUDITORS BY

MARCH 1. BOARD OF AUDITORS MUST SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO COUNCIL

OF DEPUTIES NO LATER THAN 2 MONTHS AFTER BEGINNING ITS AUDIT.

- 2. CENTO WILL PAY PER DIEM AND TRAVEL COSTS OF NOMINEE.
- 3. UK HAS ALREADY AGREED TO HAVE THEIR NOMINEE IN ANKARA ON MARCH 22 AND EXPECT AGREEMENT FROM TURKEY MOMENTARILY.
- 4. CENTO HAS JUST COMPLETED LENGTHY BUDGET HEARINGS UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER. THE 1976-77 BUDGET MUST BE

SUBMITTED BY MAY 31. THEREFORE CENTO HAS REQUESTED AUDIT BEGIN NO LATER THAN MARCH 22 TO PERMIT COMPLETION PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET PREPARATIONS.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE EXPLANATIONS, WE RECOMMEND THAT QUALIFIED AUDITOR BE NOMINATED BY DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN CENTO AUDIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS COMBING THIS WORK WITH REGULAR INSPCTION OF EMBASSY IS NOT RPT NOT PRACTICABLE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DETAILING AUDITOR FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY LOCATED IN EUROPE OR OTHER NEARBY FIELD OFFICE.

6. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED. MACOMBER

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